

MR. FISHER PARALYZED.**SERIOUS CONDITION OF A WIDELY-KNOWN CITIZEN.****The Stroke Came Sunday Morning at His Home Near Ashland—A Prominent Mason.**

Mr. Stephen McG. Fisher, assistant secretary of the Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Company, and one of Richmond's best-known citizens, was stricken with paralysis yesterday morning at his home in the village of Gwathmey, about one mile south of Ashland, on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad.

Mr. Fisher went to bed early Saturday night, complaining of chilly sensations and a feeling of numbness, but his family was not alarmed, feeling sure that this was but the symptoms of the prevailing epidemic of the grippe. His illness increased as the night went on, and Doctors Scott, Fox, and Jones, of Ashland, were summoned and gave him every attention that their medical skill could suggest, without any relief, and a stroke of total paralysis of the right side of their patient followed at 7 A. M., on Sunday.

Mr. Fisher has lain in an unconscious state ever since that day and hour, and his chances for recovery, as he has been in bad health for some time past, are regarded as doubtful.

HIS EARLY LIFE.

He was born fifty-six years ago in this city and began life as a clerk in the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company here, his promotion to book-keeper and cashier in that office being rapid.

**MR. S. M. G. FISHER.**

(From a photograph taken several years ago.)

For more than twenty years he has been connected with the Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Company, in their head office in Richmond, and was made assistant secretary of the company in 1883, filling that position with great ability at the time of his illness.

Mr. Fisher is the president of the Virginia Building and Loan Company and treasurer of the Old Dominion Fishing Club, an organization of prominent business men, who were in the habit of chartering a schooner and going on fishing expeditions every summer.

KNOWN OF MASONS.

He is a Mason of high degree, being Past Master of Temple Lodge, No. 9, A. F. and A. M., Past High Priest of Lafayette Chapter, No. 65, Royal Arch Masons; Recorder of Richmond Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templars; Past District Deputy Grand Master of Masons for the Richmond district; Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Virginia, and member of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge also.

Major Alfred R. Conning, the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, left for Gwathmey the home of Mr. Fisher, to be at his bedside.

Mr. Fisher is a man of great business ability, and of a social nature which has endeared him to all his friends, who earnestly hope for his speedy recovery.

He has been twice married, the second and present Mrs. Fisher having been the widow of the late Jesse Child, one of the oldest and best known pharmacists of Richmond.

MIL. FISHER WORSE.

Messrs. Charles F. Taylor, John F. Mayer, James T. Vaughan, Woody Williams, and Dr. Hugh Taylor went to Mr. Fisher's home yesterday afternoon and found him unconscious. He had not been able to recognize any one all day, and his chances of recovery are rather slim.

A special telegraph from the Times correspondent at Ashland stated that Mr. Fisher's condition was considered worse, and the doctors had little hope of his recovery.

SINKING RAPIDLY.

At 2 o'clock this morning The Times received the following telegram from Ashland:

Mr. Fisher is sinking rapidly. He can hardly last until to-day.

GEORGE E. PICKETT CAMP.

The Members Will Attend the Services at Dr. Fair's Church Next Sunday.

George E. Pickett Camp, Confederate Veterans, held a very interesting meeting last night at its hall, which was largely attended. The newly-elected Commander, Colonel William T. Wooly, was in the chair, and called the camp to attention promptly at 1 o'clock. The religious services at the opening were conducted by Chaplain E. W. Gaines.

A communication was received from the Ladies' Auxiliary of the camp, asking for the sum of \$5 to be expended by the ladies in carrying out their work.

Another communication was received from the Sons of Veterans, extending an invitation to Pickett Camp to attend their meeting on January 14th, when Colonel George Wayne Anderson will deliver an address on "The Life and Character of General R. E. Lee." The invitation was accepted with thanks, and the camp will attend in a body immediately after the close of their weekly meeting.

The Sons of Veterans, in another communication, asked permission to copy the roll of the members of the camp, from which the desire to add to their own membership.

A communication was received from R. E. Lee Camp extending an invitation to Pickett Camp to attend the services at Grace Street Presbyterian church next Sunday night, when the annual sermon in commemoration of General R. E. Lee's birthday will be delivered by Rev. J. Y. Fair. The invitation was accepted, and the camp decided to attend in a body and in uniform.

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